

## NATIONAL MINE OPENING

AL-VI-B-052

Route 36, East side, National  
ca. 1880

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

National Mine Opening

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 36, east side

CITY, TOWN

National

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Appalachian Coal Company

Telephone #: 895-5921

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Foster's Inn Road

CITY, TOWN

Grantsville

☒ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code  
Maryland 21536**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 480 482

Folio #: 577 290

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☒ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

National Mine Opening is located on in the east side of Route 36 in National, Allegany County.

The National Mine Opening marks the entrance to the Consolidation Coal Company's mine #10. The mine was dug by hand through layers of sandstone and slate and was supported by wooden braces, which have since caved in. In 1908 a cement cap was placed over the terminus of the mine.

Despite its present deteriorated state, the mine retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The National Mine Opening marks the entrance to the Consolidation Coal Company's mine #10. The company itself was established in 1864 and eventually became the largest bituminous coal company in the United States.<sup>1</sup> It owned 8,000 of the 15,000 acres of coal land in the George's Creek area as the C & P Railroad which provided the only direct link the miners had with the eastern shore.<sup>2</sup> The National Mine was what is known as a "slope" or "drift" mine. This meant that the mine was entered from the side of a hill. The miners then dug following the seam outcrop patterns. The natural slope of the coal seams provided drainage as well as a relatively easy exit from the mines for the coal cars.<sup>3</sup>

1 Katherine A. Harvey, The Best Dressed Miners (Ithaca, N. Y.: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 9

2 Harry Stegmaier, Jr., Allegheny County - A History (Parsons, West Va. McClain Printing Company, 1976) p. 208

3 ibid p. 209

## MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 283.73 acres

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1/3/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-V1-B-052

DATE: 12/29/76

480/577  
482/290  
283.73 Acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: National Mine Opening # 10 mmz

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Rt. 36, east side, National

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West

NAME OF OWNER: Appalachian Coal Company 895-5921

ADDRESS: Foster's Inn Road

Grantsville, MD 21536

STORIES: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

A concrete arch  
was constructed  
in 1908.

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- ( ) Other: Coverings

Cuts initially  
through horizontal  
SS layers.

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged ( ) nailed( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

Is not  
hooked up

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION:

HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

Timbers  
have  
fallen  
inside

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, BORMERS # but is Architrave

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER BRICK( ) STONE( ) CORBELLED( ) original( ) replaced( )

LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior ( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

slightly  
passable.

COMMENTS:

Use - mmz  
Significance - Industry  
Date Constructed - 1830's  
Condition - deteriorated

# SECTION VI QUADRANGLE B

STATE OF MARYLAND  
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY





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National Mine Opening (Ocean #10)

Allegany Co., MD

David A. Dorsey 2/81

Looking east



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National Mine Opening (Ocean #10)

Allegany Co., MD

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Detail



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National Mine Opening #10

Rt. 36, National

12/29/76

East

John E. Nelson